

April 2, 2009

Meeting began at 8:05 p.m.

Present: Bill Muse, Mayor; Gladys LeFevre, Dennis Bertucci, Council members; Judi Davis, Clerk; Peg Smith and Sergio Femenias, Shea Haws, Katie Austin, Mark Nelson, Tom Jerome, Don Montoya, Denise Pennington and Ray Nelson, Matt Cochran and Constance Lynn, Ashley Coombs, Scott Brodie, Serena Stockmann, Jill Trombley, Josh Ellis.

Pledge of allegiance

There wasn't a quorum of councilmembers present who had been at the March 5 meeting, so approval of the minutes will be postponed.

Peg reminded the Council that Larry Ripplinger's seat on the Board of Adjustment is vacant. She explained the duties and importance of that position, even though they don't meet often. We will try to find someone to fill the vacancy.

Tom reported on the recent meeting of the Park Committee. Their budget is almost used up, and they will gratefully accept donations. (Loch Wade came.) Roofing for the shed is still needed. The building permit is nearly complete. The parking lot is nearly finished, and they expect the paving material to come from the Fire Department budget. The propane tank and lines have been moved. Garkane Propane charged us for their last call but donated their labor. Supplies for the sprinkler system are here except some that Tim Clarke will arrange for. The Committee suggests that we charge users for the use of a propane outlet at the events shelter for personal gatherings. Tom will plant a tree in the pocket garden north of the Post Office. After the sod is in, we will need a riding and a push mower, and Tom will donate his services to do the mowing for the first year, using the Town's equipment.

The fence across the front of the Town lot was discussed. One concern is the weeds around the fence as well as the fence catching blown debris. The Committee feels that boulders and the hedge will suffice. The question had been asked whether a hitching post could be incorporated into the design. The Park Committee felt that one could be put on the north side of the Town Hall along the road and use the old fence in the design of the hitching post area. That way, some of the old fence could be kept, at the same time removing it from directly in front of the building.

Discussion continued on the fence. It was suggested that the current fence could remain until the hedgerow grows enough to become an effective barrier. Some feel the fence is

historic. (Sam Stout came.) If the fence stays, some of the posts would have to be replaced, as they are rotting. Mark thought it had been decided by past Committee discussion to keep some kind of fence and felt that the rock/hedge suggestion is a new idea. Pro's for keeping the fence in place are that it would keep livestock out and kids in, it is historic, and the opening in the fence invites the creation of beaten paths across the lawn. Tom agreed that the new opening in the fence should be closed and will buy two more sumac plants for the hedge to close the gap. The discussion on leaving the fence temporarily until the hedge grows continued. Serena stated that she understands the boulders are huge and can keep the animals out. Bill stated that we don't have money for a new fence, but likes the idea of leaving the current one in place until the sumac grows. Dennis wondered if the few broken-off posts could be replaced. Bill offered to donate a couple. Peg suggested that Tim would be able to put the boulders in place now while he and the equipment are here, but feels the fence would be in the way. Tom feels that, if the boulders could close off the front, we should do it now. If not, we should leave it as is until the shrubs have grown to an effective size. Dennis made a motion that we allow Tim to come and put boulders out by the fence and, when it's completed, if there is a barrier there, take the fence out and move it to the north part and do something with the hitching post for the horses using the period fence. If he can't do that so that the park is closed off, we will repair the fence and leave it until the shrubbery grows up. Gladys seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Scott commented that, while there have been lots of volunteers in this project, Tim Mutcher has put in a great deal of time. He is aware that there have been complaints about the legality of his doing the work. Bill assured Scott that the Town has also received these complaints from at least two agencies and has resolved, to their satisfaction, the misinformation that they had received. Tom will try to find a way to get Tim tax credit for his donated labor.

Constance reported on the meeting held with Jim Jensen on recycling. He has worked out a baling arrangement with Red Rock Recycling. The cost will now be less than anticipated. If the Town will commit \$200/month for three months, that may be all we need to do. The whole county may be on board with Mr. Jensen's program. Once the program starts and they get an accurate sense of the volume, they will see if it's worth it to come with their trucks. Mr. Jensen works with plastic, newspaper and cardboard. The Escalante ladies will still take glass and other paper. Loch thanked Constance for spearheading this movement. Mr. Jensen told Loch that he will pay \$42/ton for cardboard. He wonders why we need to pay the girls anything. Is it just so they will take glass? Bill is willing to have the Town pay \$200 to get it going. Our cardboard will go to Escalante where Mr. Jensen will pick it up.

Don asked how we educate people. Constance responded that there will be signs at the

dumpsters and can collection containers at the businesses for a start. Her vision is to move from just recycling to re-using and reducing. The businesses are on board and waiting for our action tonight. The central location will be at the firehouse parking lot. Sam feels people are more likely to recycle if the collection point is at the dumpsters. Tom agreed that the community doesn't have the habit of recycling and that there won't be a response immediately. It needs to be a matter of community pride. We need to realize that everyone won't participate. Matt agrees, but feels we need to set the program up where it was planned (at the west end of the parking lot), then let habit be formed. Constance replied that collection bins at the dumpsters would be great, but space has already been created, so let's give it a chance and see how it goes.

Loch said that Jim Jensen said the County has started a recycling program and wonders how it is working. Constance said that they haven't started yet, but that the County's baler will be in Escalante. Either the County or the National Park Service will be getting a new one, so there will be two in the County, but the County isn't recycling yet. Dennis made a motion the Town give \$200/month for three months, then review the program. Gladys seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. We will start collecting at the parking lot location. Ray thinks collection at all the dumpster sites will be necessary.

Serena reported that the dogs in her neighborhood have been barking excessively for four to six weeks. She calls the sheriff and dispatch who then call Ray. We will send copies of the Ordinance and Resolution to the County Attorney and the Sheriff and ask them to enforce it. If the County won't enforce it, we will find out in writing why. If need be, we will have our attorney deputized to enforce it. Serena would like to know what Ray is doing about it. Don thinks the dogs are part of a bigger problem and wonders why Rick doesn't have a business license. We'll have our attorney contact the County Attorney and Sheriff in writing and see if they're going to enforce the Ordinance. Citizens should continue to complain and keep a log of their complaints. Dennis will get the word out when we get an answer. We'll have a follow-up next month. Judi will follow through with research on the outfitter's business license. We will determine what to do about the concerns over his having a kennel/RV park/campground. We will invite Ray and Mark McIff to come next month.

Sam renewed an earlier discussion on the relocation of the road in front of his house from where it has historically been to where it is platted. He had Jack Lyman survey and do an engineer report on it. He thinks it will be easy to do. We vacated the other streets Sam asked for, but haven't agreed to make this change. Sam said the Haws family is in agreement as long as their water isn't interrupted. Changing the road would slow traffic. We had thought the realignment would create too steep a grade on the new east-west road. Jack redesigned the road to be situated a little west of where it is actually platted and said it would only require two feet of fill. The Council present felt that they would

like to meet with Wendell and Randy on site and walk it to see on the ground how it would be. Sam will buy the big culvert and do the dirt work. The road would only be as wide as the current road is and not the 60' as platted. He has arranged for the utilities to be rerouted. If it takes a few years to finish, that's okay. We will call a special meeting to walk it.

There were no items for department reports.

Gladys made a motion the meeting adjourn. Dennis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by Judith Davis, Town Clerk

Approved by Bill Muse, Mayor